

Remarks

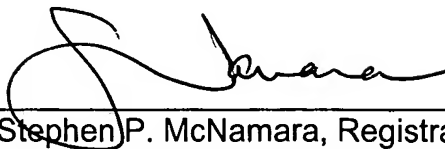
Claims 1-3, 7-8, 11 and 20 were pending in this Application prior to the entry of the above-amendments. Claims 1 and 20 are currently amended. Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments above and remarks below.

A Final Office Action issued March 31, 2005, rejecting claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 1, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement, and 35 U.S.C. 112, paragraph 2, for lack of written description, on the grounds that the claims lacked a sufficiently defined structure of the compound or composition. Claim 8 was indicated to be allowable. Applicants file a Response to Final Office Action on 25 May 2005 which placed claim 8 in independent form and amended the claims to define the compound or composition in terms of its properties. An Advisory Action issued on June 10, 2005 in which claim 8 was allowed but the §112 rejection of claims 1-3, 7, 11 and 20 was repeated.

In response, as suggested by the Examiner in the Advisory Action and the Telephone Interview of July 18, 2005, independent claims 1 and 20 have been amended to define the compound by reference to the NMR and FTIR properties described respectively at pp. 21 and 22-23 and charted in FIGS. 1 and 2.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims and the disclosure are sufficient to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, and allowance of claims 1-3, 7, 11 and 20 along with previously allowed claim 8 is respectfully requested. If the undersigned attorney can assist the Examiner with any further matters to place the claims in order for allowance, he is invited to call the Applicant's attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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